

Samuel and Anne Bassett House  
Piles Grove Township, Salem County, New Jersey  
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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Seymour Williams, A.I.A., District Officer  
133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Samuel and Anne Bassett House  
Pilesgrove Township, Salem County, New Jersey

Owner: William Weatherby  
Woodstown, New Jersey

Date of Erection: 1757

Architect:

Builder: Samuel Bassett

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two for original section  
(There is a two story frame  
addition and also a one and  
one-half story frame section  
of later date)

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The property was originally part of Major John Fenwick's tract. It was sold by him to Roger Connary founder of Connaroe family of Philadelphia. It had several owners in the early eighteenth century until it came in the possession of Elisha Bassett, father of Samuel, who conveyed it to Samuel on January 24, 1757 the same year in which the house was built.

The initials "S. A. B." and the date "1758" are on the west end with a curious scroll of brick work; the initials standing for Samuel and Anne Bassett.


After the death of Samuel Bassett, his two sons sold to Thomas Sharp who in 1817 sold to Doctor Elijah Griffith who called the place "Retreat". His executors sold to Moses Richmond. In 1834 it came in the possession of Joseph Weatherby. It has remained since that date in this family. It is occupied at present by Perceval Smith and family.

Bibliography:

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